

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A damper for damping vibration in an integrally bladed turbine disk, the damper comprising:

an annular member adapted for being coupled to the integrally bladed turbine disk; and

5 a plurality of fingers spaced circumferentially around the annular member,
each of the fingers having a base portion which is coupled to the annular member
and extending radially therefrom;

wherein each of the fingers is tangentially movable relative to the annular member when the turbine disk vibrates in a diametral mode shape such that the plurality of fingers contacts a surface of the turbine disk to absorb vibrations.

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2. The damper of Claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of fingers includes a frictional surface adapted to contact a face of the integrally bladed turbine disk.

3. The damper of Claim 2, wherein the frictional surface of each of the plurality of fingers is arcuate in shape.

4. The damper of Claim 2, wherein the frictional surface is formed from a material that is resistant to fretting.

5. The damper of Claim 1, wherein the annular member and the plurality of fingers are integrally formed.

6. The damper of Claim 5, wherein each base portion is formed by a pair of circumferentially spaced, radially extending slots.

7. The damper of Claim 6, wherein each of the plurality of fingers is further defined by a pair of circumferentially-spaced, radially-extending slots, each of the circumferentially-spaced, radially oriented slots intersecting one of the circumferentially-spaced, radially extending slots, the circumferentially-spaced, radially oriented slots cooperating with the circumferentially-spaced, radially extending slots to provide the plurality of fingers with a generally T-shape.



9. The damper of Claim 5, wherein the annular member is a continuous hoop.

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10. An integrally bladed turbine disk assembly comprising:

an integrally bladed turbine disk; and

a damper for damping vibration in the integrally bladed turbine disk, the damper including an annular member and a plurality of fingers, the annular member coupled to an axial face of the integrally bladed turbine disk, the plurality of fingers coupled to and circumferentially spaced around the annular member, each of the fingers having a base portion coupled to the annular member and extending radially outwardly therefrom, each of the fingers including a contact surface for contacting the axial face of the integrally bladed turbine disk;

wherein the annular member and the plurality of fingers are integrally formed and each of the fingers is adapted to move tangentially relative to the annular member such that contact between the contact surface and the axial face of the integrally bladed turbine disk reduces vibrations in the integrally bladed turbine disk when the integrally bladed turbine disk vibrates in a diametral mode shape.

11. The integrally bladed turbine disk assembly of Claim 10, wherein each base portion is formed by a pair of circumferentially spaced, radially extending slots.

12. The integrally bladed turbine disk assembly of Claim 11, wherein each of the plurality of fingers is further defined by a pair of circumferentially-spaced, radially-extending slots, each of the circumferentially-spaced, radially oriented slots intersecting one of the circumferentially-spaced, radially extending slots, the circumferentially-spaced, radially oriented slots cooperating with the circumferentially-spaced, radially extending slots to provide the plurality of fingers with a generally T-shape.

13. The integrally bladed turbine disk assembly of Claim 10, wherein the annular member is a continuous hoop.

14. The integrally bladed turbine disk assembly of Claim 10, wherein the annular member is shrunk-fit into a cavity formed into the axial face.

15. The integrally bladed turbine disk assembly of Claim 10, wherein a plurality of fasteners are employed to fixedly couple the annular member to the axial face.

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